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Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" May I know why he thought he had committed a mistake?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" Because I think it was a mistake."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" Is it not a fact that even to-day prisoners in other provinces are allowed to appear for examinations?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" I am not aware of it."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—" May I know whether political prisoners who are vakils are allowed to practise after they are released?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" It will depend on the view which the High Court may take of the conduct of the vakils."

Admission into and release from the Jails in the Presidency of political prisoners for the current calendar year.

* 97 *Q*.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to furnish a monthwar statement for the current calendar year showing the numbers of admission to, and release from, the various jails in the Presidency of political prisoners under each of the classes A, B, and C?

A.—The information has been called for.

Irrigation

Water-pumping station at Bethamangalam, Kolar district.

* 98 *Q*.—Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he is aware of the existence of a water-pumping station at Bethamangalam, Kolar district;

(*b*) whether with regard to the information required by the Palar River Committee, he has called for statistics of the quantity of water pumped at this station; and

(*c*) whether he has called for figures relating to the consumption of water from Bethamangalam tank (i) by the Gold Mines and (ii) by others?

A.—(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) & (*c*) No.

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I ask whether the main apprehension in the minds of the ryots of the Palar ayacut is not the fact that the Mysore Government are using more water from the Bethamangalam tank than the agreement permits them to do?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" I am not aware that the fact is as stated, Sir."

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Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know whether the Government have taken any steps to verify whether the agreement of 1902 with regard to the Bethamangalam tank is or is not being adhered to by the Mysore Government?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"If the hon. Member means whether we have written to the Mysore Darbar, the answer is in the negative. The hon. Member himself wrote to me in April informing me that 30 million gallons of water were paid for in the Bethamangalam ayacut. That is equivalent to 57·6 million cubic feet per annum. The total amount of draw-off permitted is 72 million cubic feet. Therefore even allowing for what may be drawn off as free supply, it did not seem to me that any case is made out against the Mysore Government."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know why the Government did not get the official figures for water used from the Bethamangalam tank by the Mysore Government?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"I am not prepared to ask for information which will imply that we have doubts whether the Mysore Government are carrying out their obligation or not."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—"Was not this Palar Committee constituted by the Government?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"I presume the hon. Member is referring to a Committee appointed by the Government."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—"If it is a Government Committee that calls for necessary information, what is the difficulty in calling for it and supplying the same to the Committee?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"I have already explained the reasons."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—"Have the Government informed the Committee that they would not call for the information?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"We are endeavouring to collect certain information asked for by the Committee."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask when this Committee called for certain information, why that information has not been called for?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"I must ask for notice."

The tanks situate in the Palar basin.

* 99 *Q.*—Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the tanks situated in the Palar basin in the Mysore area;

(*b*) whether all or any of these tanks are mentioned in the treaty clauses between the British and the Mysore Government or in the agreement relating to the raising of the tank-bund of the Bethamangalam tank;